IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: MEUNIER et al. GAU: 3733

Appln. No.: 10/542,607 Examiner: Yang, A.

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For: ASSEMBLY FOR TREATING DEGENERATION OF

AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated May 7, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time to Respond is submitted hereinbelow as well.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.